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REPORT

TOPIC 1. Border Guard Troops in the Valtice Area

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2. Preparatory Measures for the Defense and Evacuation of the Border AreaEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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Information

1. Prior to December 1953, border guard units of the border guard battalion quartered in the former castle on the western border of Breclav (P 49/S 54) were stationed at Postorna (P 49/S 65), Bori Dvur (P 49/S 65), Valtice (P 49/S 65) and Sedlec (P 49/S 75). The Breclav castle also quartered an STB battalion which was in charge of the same border sector.
2. Prior to December 1953, the PS unit stationed at Postorna, which numbered 40 to 50 men and was equipped with horses, dogs, and one Tatra sedan and was quartered in the former customs house on the fork formed by the roads to Reintal (P 49/S 65) and Bernhardstal (P 49/S 75). The unit was commanded by Lieutenant Jurucka, (fnu), whose deputy was Master Sergeant Cesek (fnu).
3. The PS unit stationed at Bori Dvur (Theimhof, P 49/S 65), which numbered 2 officers and 60 men, was quartered in two low brick buildings. The circuit-breaker for the entanglements charged with high-tension electricity was located in these billets. The voltage was 5 000 volts. Electricity was switched on only at night provided there was no rainfall. Only the middle strand of the three wires of entanglements was charged with electricity.
4. The border-guard unit stationed at Valtice, which numbered about 60 men was quartered in the so-called "Rydlova" villa on the road to Lednice (P 49/S 66). It had been commanded by Lieutenant Ostedal (fnu), who, in November 1953, was reassigned to the border guard school in Olomouc (P 50/S 85) and was replaced by Lieutenant John (fnu). Five trenches and two bunkers with machine gun placements were located in the park of the billets. The stables for the horses of the unit were in the castle area. Also stationed in the Valtice area were two armed PS labor details, each of which numbered about 35 men and was charged with maintaining the wire entanglements.
5. The PS unit stationed at Sedlec, which numbered 2 officers and 40 men, was located in the former school and one newly constructed of wooden building.

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6. During recent months, so-called "podchody" were constructed under the wire entanglement. These devices were gangways shut with wooden doors and they enabled the border guards quickly to pass below the entanglement from one side to the other.
7. In November 1953, the management of nationalized estates in Valtice announced that the competent recruiting district headquarters (OVV) had issued an order to all nationalized estates in the border area which prescribed that plans for the evacuation of all farms be made. In the event of evacuation, stores of grain and fodder and the whole livestock of the farms were to be evacuated to points about 20 kilometers farther inland. No individuals eligible for military service were to be available to the farms for the execution of these measures. The stores were to be loaded on vehicles available at the estates, while cattle were to be driven in droves. Defense plans for the farms in the border area were ordered to be completed by Christmas of 1953. One light machine gun, some submachine guns, and rifles were scheduled to be distributed to each farm. Firing trenches, bunkers with machine gun emplacement, and AT obstacles were to be constructed in peacetime. The employees of estates were to be instructed in the use of weapons.

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Comment. The 3d Bn of the 4th PS Brig Znojmo is confirmed in Breclav. It is definitely believed that the border-guard school in Olomouc is the Olomouc VUPVS (border and inner guard school).

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